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8 April 1960

MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Director, Research and Reports
FROM: Chief, Geographic Research
SUBJECT: GRA Activity Report for the Month of March 1960

A. Research and Technical Support Activity

1. The Geography Division completed and disseminated eight Geographic Intelligence Reports (GR 60-1, Territorial and Sovereignty Problems of the Arctic; GR 1-60-1, Cuba: Parts II, VI, VIII, XI, XVI, and XVII; and GR 1-60-2, The Kurds in 1959), and nine Geographic Support Projects in the JP series. Among the GP projects were two contributions to the MIS Program, and a contribution to NIS 61-60, The Outlook for Burma.

2. The Cartography Division accepted requests for 183 maps and charts and completed 196. A total of 509 jobs were in process at the end of March, versus 526 in February. The following maps completed during the month are particularly worthy of note: (a) A city plan of Irkutsk for DD/P; (b) Standard NIS bases on Nicaragua, Dominican Republic, Thailand, and Australia, and a summary map on Mongolia for the NIS Program; and (c) Three historical maps on East Germany for OTR use in a special training program.

3. The Map Library Division forwarded 29,554 items to requesters in response to 2,010 requests for maps, related geographic publications, and reference information. Automatic distribution was set up during the month to supply the CINCPAC War Room with CIA-published maps on its areas of responsibility. Significant items procured from foreign sources included: a 1958 "Map of Hungary: Counties" at 1:250,000; a 1960 railroad atlas of the USSR; a 1959 economic geography of the Soviet Zone (East Germany); and "Afrique - Carte Politique, Situation au 1er Janvier, 1960" at 1:10,000,000.

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4. As the result of discussion with Mr. Anory concerning the further use of Map Library facilities by the DD/I's office, several projects have been initiated to supply that office with currently received maps. Four loose leaf volumes of maps from the Office of the DD/I were brought up to date by the Reference Branch by the insertion of omitted maps, recently published maps, and additional copies of maps. A total

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of 1,614 map sheets, which included 181 titles not already in the volumes, were inserted; eight volumes of maps, labelled and with typed index tabs, were returned to the DD/I. Six copies each of all small, unclassified maps will be forwarded to O/DE/I in the future for possible inclusion in these volumes.

5. The Cartography Division made considerable progress on a number of important current projects during March. The Cuba project was advanced by the printing of all but 18 of the 222 AMS maps being prepared for DD/I; the remaining 18 will be processed when received from AMS. The Printing Services Division is on schedule in this project, and it is no longer delaying other work. Progress on the Telecommunications Atlas under preparation for ERA is currently on schedule; the Atlas will contain 52 maps, all of which are in progress.

6. Chief, D/GI, and Chief, Reference Branch, attended the staff meeting of Director Charles M. Spinks, RAS (Office of Research and Analysis for Asia) in the Department of State, at which [REDACTED] briefed the group on the [REDACTED] and the services offered by the Map Library. As a result of this visit, 500 maps were supplied to RAS for a Departmental report.

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B. Planning and Development

1. Several meetings of a Geographic Area group studying the relative power position of the Free World and the Sino-Soviet Bloc were held to sort out the essential geographic elements which have a part, either directly or indirectly, in influencing national power. The meetings resulted in the identification of a few geographic elements, the selection of the critical item of disparity in geographic related knowledge and activities, and the assignment of the two principal sections of the project to [REDACTED] of the Geography Division.

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2. Two proposals for external research were worked on by the Geography Division during the month. A draft proposal relating to needed sociological data on Africa South of the Sahara was coordinated through interested parties of State, Army, and the Agency and submitted to the AD/RR. A proposal for the construction of PI keys on Southeast Asia and Africa South of the Sahara was forwarded to the Director, PIC, for consideration. Chief/G, Chief, D/GC, and SA to Ch/G met with Messrs. Lundahl and [REDACTED] of PIC to discuss the Geographic Area's interest in the development of PI keys on the two areas. The Director of PIC agreed to explore the interests of the Army, Navy, and Air Force in developing a project and the support for it.

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3. A memorandum from Chief, WH/ID/P requested that the Latin America task force follow the completed work on Cuba with production of research support on Paraguay. WH has subsequently requested that the studies on Paraguay be held up to allow sufficient time to permit a "beefing up" of the several Cuban urban studies prepared by AMS. With [REDACTED] has meanwhile completed a spot procurement mission in [REDACTED]

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5. The formation of an Arctic Area Discussion Group has been approved by Chief/G. This group will incorporate the previous Soviet Arctic Working Group and other interested personnel for the purpose of discussing problems and exchanging information on the Arctic.

6. A further conference with AMS regarding the reproduction of the Asia 1:5,000,000 Series has resulted in an estimated cost factor of [REDACTED] St/A is currently working on the problem of procuring the necessary funds and arranging for payment to AMS.

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7. The Map Library Division has drafted a paper on the uses of topographic maps by selected occupational categories for use by field collectors. This paper is to assist collectors in broadening the target base for the required maps from map producers to include significant map users.

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8. Plans for extending the duration of [redacted] area familiarization trip to permit a more comprehensive exchange of information with [redacted] were formalized, following a request to this effect by [redacted]

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10. [redacted], D/CG, participated with Chief, D/CG, in a series of conferences designed to assist the DD/P in formulating and implementing map requirements for certain parts of eastern Asia.

11. Cartography Division personnel met with representatives of the Office of Communications to develop requirements for the production of special map projections. Such requirements will lead to the proposed [redacted] for the construction of the projects. A meeting with [redacted]

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12. Special Far East mapping requirements have been developed for recommendation to F3/DD/P. It is planned to have these requirements submitted to ACIC (Air Force) for action. Throughout these discussions, PIC has been kept abreast of developments.

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[redacted], [redacted] Consultations are being held with [redacted] who is now in Washington.

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14. A partial redistribution of area responsibilities was effected in the Europe Branch, D/CG, in an attempt to distribute the work load evenly. Because of this, a revised reading requirements list -- designed to cut down on western European material and update requirements on eastern and northern Europe -- has been prepared for the ORR Reading Panel.

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C. Significant Outside Contacts and Activities

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2. Chief/G met with Messrs. [REDACTED] of the office of the Legislative Counsel to discuss map requests received by the Map Library and Cartography Divisions from members of Congress. A proposal to handle these relationships will be submitted in memorandum form to the DD/I for his approval. 25X1A9a

3. A meeting of the Chapter IX Subcommittee was held on 11 March to continue consideration of a new Chapter IX format. The group arrived at some tentative conclusions concerning segmentation of Chapter IX to allow for maintenance by Section instead of by Chapter. The Committee will reconvene on 7 April to finalize the conclusions and to work out precise recommendations for the outline revision.

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4. Ten GRA personnel attended the special one-week Paramilitary Operations Course [REDACTED] which proved to be of great value to both students and instructors. As an outgrowth of the contact, the Geography Division has been requested to provide lecturers for the Sabotage course in April, and the special paramilitary command post maneuver exercise in May.

5. The ninth meeting of the Africa Roundtable was devoted to a discussion of the problem of segregating overt from covert requirements, with particular reference to the DD/P overload of overt requirements. Members expressed an interest in developing a community-wide group that would define in some detail the U.S. targets and objectives in Africa. A committee has subsequently discussed the matter with Chief/G and AD/RR and has received approval in principle to expand the Roundtable on an informal basis.

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6. [REDACTED] CG/F, departed for a two-week TDY in Honolulu to exploit [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] map sources on South Pacific Islands, and confer with U.S. intelligence personnel on matters of common interest.

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7. The following significant contacts and activities were reported by Chief, Special Research Branch, D/GI: (a) Attendance as CIA representative at a series of meetings of the OCB Working Group on Antarctica in connection with the drafting of an NSC Report on Antarctica and an OCB Outline Plan of Operations; (b) Briefing of the Commandant, AFCIN-3, Col. R. Mason and his staff on the strategic implications of Soviet activities in Antarctica; (c) Briefing of a special group of AFCIN-3 analysts on Soviet geodetic activities that might provide clues to the possible location of Soviet launch sites; and (d) Meeting of the reconstituted advisory group on the U.S. position, Antarctic Staff, State, which is now engaged in interim discussions with signatories of the Antarctic Treaty to organize implementing measures for the fulfillment of provisions of the treaty.

8. Geographic Area personnel attended the meetings of the American Congress on Surveying and Mapping held at the Shoreham Hotel, 21-25 March. The exhibits of cartographic equipment were of particular interest.

9. The Near East Desk Officer, D/GI, briefed the newly appointed Assistant Army Attaché for Iraq in connection with mapping activities which have taken place [redacted] in the spring of 1957.

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10. [redacted] met with Col. Diercks, Commanding Officer of the Army Map Service, to brief him on TDY activities. Mr. Mack, Deputy Chief of the Map Evaluation Division at AMS, attended this meeting to discuss his activities in Germany during January 1960. Continuation of AMS participation in the Map Library project supporting efforts to collect topographic maps of the Sino-Soviet Bloc was assured by Col. Diercks.

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11. In connection with the ITC follow-up, Messrs. [redacted] of D/GI visited AFCIN-3T to discuss priorities and a new evaluation of targets within the Bloc. Col. Dalton, Chief, 3T, strongly recommended visits to ACIC and SAC, as well as briefings in AFCIN, on matters relating to the Special Project.

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12. Messrs. [redacted], D/GI, met with Col. Gress, Topographic and Geodetic Division, ACSI, and Col. Henne, Collection Division, ACSI, in connection with the use of map collection guides as the support or background for the new Department of the Army Long Range Intelligence Requirements.

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D. Problems

The heavy workload recorded in D/GG and D/GC is of long standing and becoming heavier. The problem has been staved off in the past by the use of overtime and of "cutback" in the operations of both divisions; further elimination of activities and streamlining of operations is no longer feasible. The capability, in terms of manhours, for developing and maintaining substantive area competence has been seriously curtailed as a result of the increasing proportion of high-priority requests placed upon these divisions. The result has been a marked decline in the ability to give treatment in depth to the intelligence problems which require attention. The use of considerable quantities of overtime has again become necessary and this step only permits D/GG and D/GC to keep abreast of their immediate high-priority assignments, as the volume of high-priority requests continues to increase. Standing programs of great importance to intelligence work and the community are necessarily neglected and the effect will be a continuing and increasing decline to meet our commitments in the scope and depth which is expected of us. It is concluded that, all remedial steps having been taken, the solution lies in either a reduction in the requirements placed upon these divisions or in a significant increase in the number of manhours allotted to them.

E. Miscellaneous

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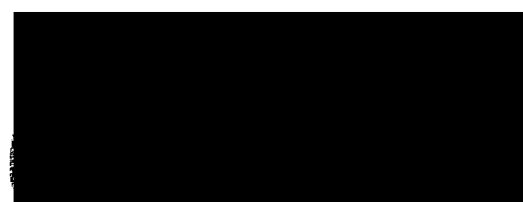
1. [REDACTED], D/GC, reported to St/I during March for training in preparation for his assignment to [REDACTED]. He will replace [REDACTED], who will return to the Cartography Division in August.

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2. Approval has been requested for 45 days' area familiarization travel for [REDACTED], CG/N, to selected countries of the Middle East, commencing on or about 1 June 1960.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Field Training, DD/P

SUBJECT: Course in Paramilitary Operations,
7 - 11 March 1960

1. It is gratifying to know that the group of geographers taking the Paramilitary Operations Course during the week of 7-11 March felt that it was extremely beneficial to them and that it will contribute to their preparation of area studies and other work in support of DD/P. Each geographer participating has been stimulated to new thinking relative to the establishment of more productive relationships between themselves and potential requesters of geographic and cartographic support.

2. I would like to express my thanks, on behalf of the participants, for this excellent course presented by your personnel.

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